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Having regard to Italian Act No. 476 of 13 August 1998;

having regard to Italian Act No. 398 of 30 November, and specifically to its Article 6;

having regard to Italian Act No. 210 of 3 July 1998, and specifically to its Article 4;

having regard to Italian Act No. 240 of 30 December 2010;

having regard to Italian Ministerial Decree No. 45 of 8 February 2013 "Regulation governing the accreditation of centres and doctoral programs, as well as the standards for the setting-up of doctorate programs by accredited entities";

having regard to the Regulation of Research Doctorate Programs issued with Rector Decree No. 2275 issued on 27 June 2013 as amended;

having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Region of Emilia Romagna and the University of Parma, referred to in Rector Decree 2045 of 19th June 2012, aimed at the definition of educational profiles within the context of higher education for the achievement of the research doctorate qualification within the scope of the apprenticeship contracts of higher education and research;

having regard to the note no. 11948 of 07.06.2015 of the Ministry of Education and Research with which it is communicated that the National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research issued its favorable opinions and definitive about all the proposed institution courses PhD of XXXI cycle for which no proceedings have been initiated to review by the Agency itself and that will be soon published its DDMM accreditation;

It considered appropriate pending the publication of the earlier decrees of accreditation, in order to give adequate information to the selection procedures for access to the courses of Doctorate of XXXI cycle, to be completed as per the ministry guidelines by 31/10/2015, to provide immediate publication of the notice;

having regard to Rector Decree No.1882 of 13/07/2015 of the institution and activation of the XXXI cycle of the courses of research doctorate;

DECREES

Public competitions are held at the University of Parma, for qualifications and exams, for admission to the XXXI cycle – academic year 2015/2016 of the courses of research doctorate listed below:

1. BIOTECHNOLOGY AND LIFE SCIENCE
2. PHYSICS
3. CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
4. INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
5. MOLECULAR MEDICINE
6. NEUROSCIENCE (in agreement with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
7. PSYCHOLOGY
8. MATERIALS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (in agreement with C.N.R. - The Italian National Research Council and the University of Cape Town, South Africa)
9. CHEMICAL SCIENCES
10. SURGICAL AND MICROBIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
11. FOOD SCIENCE
12. DRUGS, BIOMOLECULES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS
13. EARTH SCIENCES
14. PHILOLOGICAL-LITERARY, HISTORICAL-PHILOSOPHICAL AND ARTISTIC STUDIES
15. MEDICAL SCIENCES
16. VETERINARY SCIENCES
17. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

The Research Doctorate programs have a three-year duration starting from 1st November 2015.

For each of the above-mentioned courses, research topics, vacancies, admission requirements, procedures and criteria for the selection and assessment of candidates are specified in the forms attached, which are an integral part of this announcement.

Available positions shall be assigned based on the score lists as per Article 8 of this public Announcement.

ARTICLE 1 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Irrespective of their age and citizenship, all candidates may apply to participate in the competitive examination for admission granted that they hold one of the following:

- "laurea specialistica" or "laurea magistrale" [Italian academic degree equivalent to a Master's Degree] or "laurea" attained pursuant to the university degree system applicable before Italian Ministerial Decree No. 509 of 3 November 1999, came into force, as amended with Italian Ministerial Decree No. 270 of 22 October 2004, as well as second-level degrees equivalent to the above;
- an academic degree attained abroad, granted that it is comparable in terms of duration, level and, where possible, in terms of branch of learning, to the Italian degree allows admission to the Doctorate program, and recognized as eligible for the participation in the competitive examination only, pursuant to Article 2 below.

For each Research Doctorate program, the forms attached hereto specify the type of academic degree required to participate in the competitive examination and any other additional requirements.

Candidates that already hold a research doctoral degree may be admitted to attend, granted that the selection tests are sat and passed, another research doctorate program without any scholarship coverage.

In compliance with the terms set down in Article 4 below, graduands may also apply for admission, granted that they actually graduate and attain the degree required for admission no later than 31 October 2015, under penalty of exclusion. By the above deadline, the candidates that have been admitted as graduands shall communicate the graduation date to the "UOS Formazione post lauream" [Doctoral Program] via e-mail to the following address dottorati@unipr.it or via fax to number: +390521-347042, sending also a self-certification, dated
and hand-signed, with a copy of a valid document, setting forth the University that issued the relevant academic degree, the graduation date and the final mark achieved.

ARTICLE 2 – ACADEMIC DEGREE ATTAINED ABROAD

The eligibility of foreign academic degrees shall be verified by the Examination Board in charge of admission, in compliance with the applicable legislation in Italy and in the Country where the academic degree has been issued, as well as in compliance with any international agreements or treaties concerning the recognition of educational degrees for higher education.

The admission application that is filled in online shall entail an implicit request to assess the eligibility of the academic degree attained abroad. To this end, candidates shall attach the following documents to their application:

a) a certificate of their academic degree listing the exams sat and passed with the relevant mark. EU citizens may use a statutory declaration in lieu of the certificate, pursuant to Italian Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 as amended;

b) translation into English of the certificate as per item a), signed by the candidate under his/her responsibility, only where this document is not originally in English;

c) any other documents as useful to assess the academic degree eligibility (Diploma Supplement, etc.)

In case they win the competitive examination, candidates holding an academic degree attained abroad shall be admitted conditionally and shall hand in the "dichiarazione di valore in loco del titolo posseduto" [declaration of local value of the degree held] and the certificate of such degree setting forth the exams and marks, translated and certified by the Italian diplomatic representation or consulate in the Country where the institution that issued the degree is based. The declaration of value shall certify that the held degree is valid in the Country where it was attained for admission to an academic program similar to a Research Doctorate. If the above "dichiarazione di valore in loco" is not available at the time of matriculation, a document shall be provided giving evidence that the application for its issue has been submitted to the competent diplomatic representation and the "dichiarazione di valore" shall be turned in as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 3– QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates shall submit the following mandatory documentation for admission to all Research Doctorate Programs dealt with in this announcement:

- *curriculum vitae et studiorum* (preferably in the European format);
- an abstract of the graduation thesis (approximately 10,000 characters including spaces);
- a certificate stating the exams that were sat and passed and the relevant marks (Italian and EU citizens shall be required to submit only a statutory declaration in lieu of this certificate, pursuant to Italian Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended by Article 15 paragraph 1 of Italian Law No. 183 of 12 November 2011);

The forms attached hereto also specify other optional documents as provided for by each Research Doctorate program.

All documentation shall be submitted in accordance with Article 4 below.

ARTICLE 4 – APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION
Candidates may register for selection from 20th July 2015, 9.00 am (Italian time) to 4th September 2015, 1.00 pm (Italian time, final deadline). Candidates must register electronically by connecting from any PC with Internet access to the University website http://www.unipr.it/iscrizioni, having at hand their identity cards or passports, Tax IDs and the PC connected to a printer.

The candidate must:
- Go to the website http://www.unipr.it/iscrizioni;
- Register by entering the required data (or simply login if already registered);
- Click on the course chosen from the PhD Admission Test menu;
- Proceed with completing the online application, submitting the required information, attaching the necessary documents (in addition to the requirements of each course), exclusively in pdf-format (maximum size limit of 5Mb for each attachment). The file will have to indicate the name of the candidate, for example: cognomeNomefile.pdf). It is also mandatory to attach a scanned version of ANNEX A as well as a scanned valid ID of the applicant.

The completed online application, accompanied by the ANNEX A, must contain the candidate’s personal details, address and possibly a telephone number and an email address, for the purposes of the competition, as well as citizenship.

In annex A candidates must indicate:
- the exact denomination of doctoral program;
- indication of the chosen Research Topics;
- reserved position, if any, for which they intend to compete;
- the type of degree obtained (or to be obtained), the name of the University awarding the degree, the graduation date and the final grade.

To this end, candidates shall provide a certificate stating that the submitted documentation is identical to its original, under their responsibility and pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, aware of forfeiture of any benefits obtained, as well as of the criminal penalties provided for by Articles 75 and 76, respectively of the above Decree, for false declarations and for forgery or use of forged documents.

By submitting an application and filling in Annex A, candidates shall state:

a) that they undertake to ensure attendance of the doctorate program based on the instructions given by the Program Board;
b) that they adequately fluent in the Italian language (for foreign nationals only);
c) that they are not enrolled in postgraduate Specialty Schools or in courses of studies for Laurea or Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale, in University Master's Degree courses or TFA (Tirocinio Formativo Attivo - Training Internships), or, should they be enrolled in the above courses, that they undertake to suspend attendance/enrolment, or that they are enrolled in the Postgraduate Medical Specialty School at the same training center (in the latter case attaching a copy of the authorization given by the School Board to enrol in the specific doctorate program);
d) that they do not hold a research doctor qualification or that they already hold a research doctor qualification specifying the doctoral title in their possession (in the latter case, the winner of the competitive examination shall not be entitled to any scholarship, pursuant to Article 6 of Italian Law No. 398/1989 and to Article 5 of the University Regulation for the attainment of the research doctorate title);
e) that they have never benefited and they are not benefiting from any scholarship for a
doctorate program.

Candidates suffering from impairments or learning disabilities may express their specific needs,
by filling in form A38 or form A39/BIS, which can be downloaded from the website
http://www.unipr.it/didattica/informazioni-amministrative/modulistica, and by including such form
in their application for registration. The form, filled in and signed, shall be sent via fax to the
number here below: +390521-347042 or via e-mail to the address: dottorati@unipr.it.

The submission of the application to the University shall be completed automatically at the end
of the procedure. Therefore, candidates do not have to deliver or send any printed material to
the offices. Through the online procedure candidates must also attach the documents proving
the qualifications required for the admission to the PhD course chosen. No other modes of presentation of qualifications will be accepted, other than online.

It is the candidates’ responsibility to verify the correct conclusion of the procedure. No claims
will be accepted for any malfunctions of the computer system due to excessive load in proximity
to the deadline.

Applications sent before September 4 2015, 1.00 pm (Italian time) that are incomplete in the
compilation and/or in the attachments required, will be excluded. Applications that are incomplete, irregular or not submitted in the manner and within the terms
specified in this article will not be accepted.

Additional documentation submitted after the deadline will not be accepted under any
circumstances.

Candidates intending to participate in the competitive examination for more than one doctorate
programs shall submit more than one application, attaching the required documentation to each
one of them.

In case the attached forms require research topics for the chosen Doctorate program,
candidates shall set forth the specific topic chosen in their application for admission in Annex A.

Candidates are invited to complete the application to participate in the competitive
examinations well before the set deadline.

ARTICLE 5 – RESERVED POSITIONS

As regards doctorate programs for which reserved positions are provided, candidates that
graduated from foreign Universities or candidates holding scholarships funded by foreign
States, candidates holding scholarships within specific international mobility programs and
candidates that are the recipients of EU or international collaboration programs may compete
for the positions reserved to the same, for which specific admission procedures may be set.

Any reserved positions are stated in the attached forms referring to the single doctorate
programs, which shall be an integral part of this announcement.

Reserved positions may be provided to employees of companies having agreements in place
for "Industrial Doctorate Programs."
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The candidates intending to compete for the above reserved positions must attach additional documents to their application for participation in the competitive examination (ANNEX A), specifically:

- **Candidates holding a foreign academic degree:** in addition to the other documents as listed in the Form for the specific Doctorate Program, they shall attach a certificate of the foreign academic degree setting forth the exams sat and passed and the relevant marks and translated into Italian or English. This shall automatically entail that the candidates meeting the requirements will compete for the relevant reserved positions, where provided.

- **Candidates holding scholarships funded by foreign States:** in addition to the documents listed in the Form for the specific doctorate program, they shall attach a certificate stating that they are the holders of the scholarship granted.

- **Candidates that hold scholarships within specific international mobility programs:** in addition to the documents listed in the Form of the relevant doctorate program, they shall attach a certificate stating that they hold the scholarship granted within the international mobility program.

- **Candidates that are employees of companies having agreements for “Industrial Doctorate programs”:** in addition to the documents listed in the Form of the relevant doctorate program, they shall attach documents giving evidence of their being employees of the company. This shall automatically entail that the candidates meeting the requirements will compete for the relevant reserved positions, where provided.

For reserved positions, the examination Board shall prepare a separate short-list in accordance with the type of reserved positions.

The positions that are reserved to holders of scholarships funded by foreign States or pertaining to specific international mobility programs, or employees of companies having industrial doctorate agreements, or reserved for high training and research internship contracts and that have remained vacant shall not be awarded to other candidates.

Should there be no winning candidates, any vacancies reserved for graduates from foreign universities will be added to the general ranking of each Research doctorate course.

**ARTICLE 6 - ADMISSION EXAMINATION**

Admission shall be based on a competitive examination consisting in assessment of qualifications and, possibly, of tests. In addition to the assessment of qualifications and/or the research project, the procedures for the comparative assessment, aimed at verifying the candidates' abilities and skills for scientific research may consist in a written exam, an oral exam open to the public, in a practical exam and/or test, or in a combination of the above chosen by the Doctorate Program Board.

The selection procedures and the exam schedule are set forth in the forms relating to the single doctorate programs, which shall be an integral part of this announcement.

The publication on the web of the above schedule shall amount to formal notification for all purposes convening candidates for the exams, if any. Therefore, candidates shall present themselves, with no notice or communication whatsoever required regarding admission exams, at the examination venue, on the day and at the time set forth in the above forms, with
an identity document that has a photograph of the holder, is valid and has been issued by a State Body, under penalty of exclusion.

Only and exclusively where so provided in the Form relating to the chosen doctorate program, the exam may be held in a language other than Italian and with the use of IT tools and electronic modes as suitable to verify the candidates' identity.

Foreign candidates, both EU and non-EU, shall prove to be adequately fluent in the Italian language.

The Examination Board may award a total of 120 points. The breakdown of points by the single exams is set forth in the forms relating to the single Doctorate programs.

To qualify a total score not lower than 70 points shall be required. The final score shall be the sum of the points obtained in the assessment of qualifications and in the single exams.

Candidates will be able to view the results of the single exams and the outcome of the final long-listing by accessing the reserved web page of online students' office services from the University website http://www.unipr.it/iscrizioni

Specific provisions for candidates residing abroad: candidates residing abroad, only and exclusively where so stated in the form relating to the chosen doctorate program, may sit the oral exam, if any, remotely, via web teleconference, both audio and video (e.g.: Skype, Adobe Connect).

With regard to Doctorate Programs providing the possibility to sit the interview also via videoconference or other technology allowing remote viewing of the participants in the interview, candidates that permanently reside abroad and intend to use such operating mode shall submit the relevant request filling in the “Form for videoconference request”, and attach it to the online application for admission, along with a copy of a valid identity document.

The form shall state, under penalty of the candidate's exclusion, the chosen platform (Skype or a similar one) and the user's address to be used by the Board to make the video call. Candidates shall be available at their personal address, as previously communicated, on the day set for the oral exam, in accordance with the schedule included in the Form relating to the relevant Doctorate program. The Examination Board may decide to agree with the candidate on a precise time for the beginning of the interview.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate shall identify him/herself, before the interview begins, by showing the same identity document a copy of which has been attached to the application for participation in the competitive examination.

In the event a candidate fails to communicate his/her personal address, fails to connect, or is not available on the day and at the time as agreed, or fails to show a valid identity document, pursuant to the previous paragraph, all these shall be grounds to exclude such candidate from the selection procedure. These grounds for exclusion shall not apply if the candidate, with a valid identity document, presents him/herself on the day set for the interview in order to sit the oral exam "in person".

The University of Parma shall not be responsible for any technical causes which prevent the oral interview from being carried out regularly.
After the exams, the Examination Board shall prepare the general short-list based on the scores obtained by the candidates in the qualification assessment and in any single exams.

ARTICLE 7 – EXAMINATION BOARD

Examination Boards shall be appointed by the Rector and composed in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation concerning Research Doctorate degrees of the University of Parma.

The composition of the single Boards shall be published on the University website.

The Examination Boards shall not send any personal communication to candidates regarding the competitive exams: the candidates shall be responsible for obtaining information on the same in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 6 of this announcement.

ARTICLE 8 - ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMS (Final short-lists)

Candidates that passed the exam shall be admitted to the doctorate program, after the approval of selection deeds, in accordance with their ranking on the short-list and up to the number of positions available.

For admission to each Research Doctorate Program, only the short-list published on the University website shall be relevant.

Candidates will be able to check whether they have qualified for admission to the chosen Doctorate Program, in the reserved dedicated website area, under the item admission tests, by logging in with the same procedures used to register for the competitive examination on the University website http://www.unipr.it/iscrizioni.

The publication of the short-list on the website shall be the only official publications of the outcomes of the competitive examination and, therefore, no personal notifications shall be sent to the winning candidates.

In case a candidate ranks in a winning position in more than one short-list, he/she shall opt for only one Doctorate Program, concomitantly notifying his/her waiver of the other programs.

The candidates that rank as winners in the final short-list, who are not over 29 years of age, may be selected afterwards, in cooperation with any interested companies and based on each candidate’s specific skills, for a "high training and research internship contract" pursuant to Article 5, of Italian Legislative Decree No. 167/2011 and to Article 30, of Law No. 17/2005 issued by the Emilia-Romagna Regional Government, to cover any vacancies, where any are set forth in the forms attached hereto.

Postgraduate students enrolled in a Medical Specialty School at the University of Parma who win the competitive examination for admission to a doctorate program held at the same University may be allowed to attend jointly both programs during the last year of the Medical Specialty School, granted that they are in the last year of the Specialty School at the time of matriculation in the doctorate program, in compliance with the deadlines set down in Article 9 below.

Joint attendance shall be allowed where compatible with the activities and commitment required by the same School, and such compatibility shall be stated by the authorization issued by the School Board.

The Doctorate Program Board shall resolve on any request for a reduction in the doctorate program, after assessing the research activities already carried out during the postgraduate
medical specialty program as certified by the postgraduate medical specialty school, and may
allow enrolment in the second year of the doctorate program.
In the year of joint attendance, the postgraduate student may not receive the doctorate program
scholarship.

ARTICLE 9 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION AND MATRICULATION

The winning candidates shall complete a registration before formal matriculation using
EXCLUSIVELY the ON-LINE procedure, accessing the page “ISCRIZIONI” from 14th October
2015, 12.00 am (Italian time) to no later than 23rd October 2015, 12.00 am (Italian time) by
accessing the reserved dedicated area clicking on students' office/matriculation.

Before you begin the online registration, the applicant must have:

- A device connected to the Internet;
- A printer;
- A valid ID;
- The tax code;
- A valid e-mail address (which will be sent confirmation of registration);
- A credit card (unless you plan to use this form of payment, taking into account that
commission fees may be applied by each Credit Institute). The cards accepted are: CARTA SI',
JCB, MAESTRO, MASTERCARD, VISA, VISA ELECTRON. It is also accepted by
PAGOBANCOMAT;
- A passport photo.

At this stage, interested parties are required to attach (by uploading) in the data processing
system:

1. own passport photo that shows the face in the foreground;
2. photocopy (front and back) of the personal identification document entered during
registration;
3. photocopy of the tax code

After entering online, the candidate must print the enrollment form by including their signature
and the date, and deliver it, together with the documentation indicated below, to the UOS
Postgraduate Training - PhD no later than, 28th October 2015, 12.00 (local time) according to
only one of the following ways:

1. Presented directly to the UOS Postgraduate Training - PhD - Piazzale San Francesco, 3-
43121 Parma (open to the public: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 09.00 to 12.00 -
Thursday from 09.00 to 13.00) by the person or by the person delegated provided with valid ID
of the person (or photocopy);
2. Shipping by mail or courier to the UOS Postgraduate Training - PhD - Piazzale San
Francesco, 3-43121 Parma, indicating on the envelope the following words "Registration PhD
XXXI cycle".
It is recalled that the parties concerned in the event of shipping the application form must be
received without exception, the Office no later than 28th October 2015.

The above-mentioned required documentation concerns (FOR ALL):
- Application for enrollment in the first year of the PhD program (printed from online procedure)
with indication of date and signature;
- receipt proving payment of the tuition fee (MAV) (in case you have not chosen to pay by
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credit card) at any bank in the country, without any commission fees, according to the contributions provided for in Article 11. Payments made by bank transfer or at the post office are not accepted.

Scholarship assignees must also submit the following forms which can be downloaded from the website:
- Scholarship Acceptance Form or Withdrawal Form for the entire duration of the course (trainees will have to fill in the scholarship acceptance form reserved for them),
- Form with details of bank account,
- Pension claim form,
- Registration receipt for the separate management contribution to INPS (Social Security Insurance) (if not available immediately, no later than 11/13/2015).

Scholarship assignees from foreign countries shall complete and submit the above-mentioned forms reserved for them.

Failure to complete enrolment within the above-mentioned deadline will entail forfeiture of the right to admission to the Doctorate Program. In that case, any remaining vacancies will be made available to runner-ups, in order of merit.

Registration will become effective only after the presentation of all the above-mentioned documents within the specified deadline. The candidates who do not comply with all the above within the relevant deadline will be cancelled from the list and considered renouncers. Vacancies will be made available to runner-ups, in order of merit.

In case of waiver by the winners of the competitive examination, the University Administration Department shall contact those with the relevant ranking in the short-list, according to their ranking. Those who are interested shall present themselves at the Servizio Corsi e Scuola di Dottorato within 5 working days following the above communication, under penalty of exclusion.

After receiving the documents and confirmation of payment, the University will send an email confirmation of registration, indicating the student number and the e-mail address assigned by the University (eg: nome.cognome@studenti.unipr.it). These data are essential for the PhD student's career. The University of Parma will contact its PhD students only using the above-mentioned email account to communicate the administrative information regarding the PhD course.

In case of waiver by a person so entitled within two months of the beginning of the program, the candidate on the short-list of eligible candidates ranking immediately after the waiving one shall take over the position, however, no later than at the end of the third month from the beginning of the program.

For admission to the doctorate program, candidates with the same ranking shall submit a self-certification concerning their income situation, pursuant to the Decree issued by the Italian Prime Minister on 9 April 2001 published in the Italian Official Journal issue No. 172 of 26 July 2001.

Non-EU nationals shall submit a photocopy of the application for an Italian stay permit, for study or otherwise, and shall commit to turn in later the stay permit issued by the Questura di Parma.
ARTICLE 10 - SCHOLARSHIPS

The annual amount of the scholarship, to be granted in monthly instalments in arrears, shall be of €13,638.47 gross of the INPS (Italian National Social Security Institute) contribution to be paid by the scholarship holder, pursuant to the Italian legislation in force. In tax terms, the provisions of Article 4 of Italian Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984 apply to scholarships for attendance of doctorate programs.

Scholarships shall be awarded in accordance with the ranking on the short-list.

For candidates with the same ranking, the assessment of their income situation pursuant to the Decree issued by the Italian Prime Minister on 9 April 2001 and published in the Italian Official Journal issued No.172 of 26 July 2001.

Scholarships shall have annual duration and shall be renewed upon condition that the Doctoral student concerned has completed the activities schedules for the previous year, as verified by the Doctorate Program Board. The scholarship shall be granted for the entire duration of the doctorate program.

The amount of the scholarship shall be increased for any stay abroad for research activities by 50% for a total period not exceeding 18 months.

Starting from the second year, each doctoral student, either holder of a scholarship or not, shall be provided with a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad having an amount not lower than 10% of the same scholarship.

The scholarship shall not add to other research grants or other scholarships awarded on whatsoever ground, except for those awarded by Italian or foreign bodies and intended to integrate, with stays abroad, the training or research activities of the Doctoral Student.

Should attendance of the doctorate program be suspended for over 30 days, the scholarship shall not be paid for the suspension period. The obligations of attendance in the Doctorate Program may be suspended for a period of one year at the most for maternity leave, national military service, serious and substantiated disease and specific family situations, with concomitant interruption of the relating scholarship, which will be resumed when regular attendance is also resumed.

The doctorate program may be suspended for enrolment in a Tirocinio Formativo Attivo [Italian Teacher Mandatory Training] for a period of a year at the most, with concomitant interruption of the relating scholarship, which will be resumed when regular attendance is also resumed.

All doctoral students that have been awarded a scholarship for a doctorate program in the past, also a partial one, may not apply for a second one.

ARTICLE 11 - CONTRIBUTION FOR ENTRANCE TO AND ATTENDANCE IN THE PROGRAMS
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The amount of annual contributions for entrance to and attendance in the doctorate programs for the academic year 2015/2016 shall be €524.00. This amount shall be increased based on the Indicatore della Situazione Economica Equivalente - ISEE (an indicator of the student's household income), as set forth below:

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The contribution for entrance to and attendance of the 1st year courses shall be paid in two instalments, in accordance with the table given below:

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| upon enrolment                          | €418.00 | Stamp: €16.00  
                              Contribution: €262.00  
                              Regional Tax: €140.00  
| 2nd instalment: by 30 September 2016    | €262.00 (*) | Contribution: €262.00 plus any increase based on the ISEE self-certification |

(*) the amount of the second instalment shall be increased upon indication of the University Administration Department based on the doctoral student's income situation. In order for the University Administration Department to calculate the above-mentioned increase, all doctoral students shall be required to submit an ISEE self-certification based on their income and financial situation referring to the previous calendar year, by 31 July 2016.

The amounts listed above may be changed in following years.

All doctoral students enrolled in the programs shall be required to pay €16.00 per year as revenue stamp duty and €140.00 per year as the Regional tax for the right to study.

Doctoral students receiving scholarships that are recognized in the University Financial Statements or other equivalent scholarships shall be entitled to total exemption of contribution as Doctoral students with disability not lower than 66%.

Doctoral students that are enrolled in the first year and belong to households having other students enrolled in courses of studies (university courses for laurea, laurea specialistica, laurea magistrale) at the University of Parma, shall be entitled to a refund of €300 on the second instalment. In order to be entitled to the above refund, both the concerned doctoral
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student and the members of his/her household who are reported as students of the University of Parma shall have to meet the following requirements:

- the doctoral student and the other student(s) belong to the same household. Being on the same family status certificate shall be evidence of belonging to the same household;
- the doctoral student and the other student(s) are regularly enrolled for the academic year 2014/2015 at the University of Parma;
- the doctoral student and the other student(s) are compliant with all required payments of taxes and contributions, referring also to previous academic years;
- the applicant must meet both the income requirements relating to the fiscal year 2013 as set forth below:

ISPE/ISPEU [indicator of the household financial position/indicator of the household financial position for university purposes] not higher than €34,926.00
ISPE/ISPEU [indicator of the household income position/indicator of the household income position for university purposes] not higher than €34,926.00

ARTICLE 12 - ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DEGREE

The research doctor degree, also referred to as: "Dott. Ric." or "Ph.D.", shall be achieved upon sitting and passing the final exam. For all information on the appointment of Examination Boards for the final exams and on the procedures and requirements relating to the doctoral thesis, reference is made to the "Regolamento dei Corsi per il conseguimento del Dottorato di Ricerca dell'Università degli Studi di Parma" [Regulation of the University of Parma concerning the Programs for Research Doctorate degrees].

ARTICLE 13 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Doctoral students shall undertake to ensure attendance of the doctorate program based on the instructions given by the Program Board.
The admission to research doctorate programs shall require full-time and exclusive commitment.
The Program Board shall have the power to include any extra-curricular activities to be performed along with the academic educational, training and research activities of the doctorate program.

Pursuant to Italian Law No. 4 of 14 January 1999, the winners of a competitive examination for admission to doctorate programs held at Italian University Hospitals may take part in the health care activities of the department, upon request of the student concerned and upon authorization of the department to which the Doctorate Program refers, where compatible with the training objectives and where proposed by the Program Board.

Public employees that have been admitted to doctorate programs shall be entitled, for the regular duration of the same program, to an extended leave as provided for by the relevant national collective bargaining agreement or, for employees within the public law scope, to an extraordinary leave for study, where compatible with the employer’s requirements, pursuant to Article 2 of Italian Law No.476 of 13 August 1984, as amended, with or without grants and without prejudice to any explicit waiver, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a doctorate program, irrespective of the study field.
The extraordinary leave period shall be relevant for career advancements, pension and social security plans.
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In case of admission to doctorate programs without a scholarship, or in case of waiver of the same scholarship, the doctoral student in extended leave shall continue to receive the remuneration, pension and social security benefits from his/her public Employer.

Public employees that already hold a research doctorate degree and public employees that have already been enrolled in doctorate programs for at least one academic year and have already received such leave shall not be entitled to any extraordinary leave, with or without grants.

In case an employee is not entitled to any extended or extraordinary leave, his/her admission to the program shall be subject to the opinion expressed by the Program Board, after verifying that his/her work activity is compatible with the educational, training and research activities as scheduled for the Doctorate Program.

If, after the research doctorate degree has been achieved, the work or employment relation with any public body is terminated by the employee in the two following years, the amounts received shall be repaid, pursuant to Article 2 of Italian Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984, as amended by Italian Legislative Decree No. 119 of 18 July 2011.

No concomitant enrolment in other Study Courses shall be allowed, with the exception of the provisions concerning Postgraduate Students enrolled in Medical Specialty Schools.

Students enrolled in a Research Doctorate Program who also hold a permanent position as researchers or as research fellows or hold a scholarship may finish their training after waiving the scholarship for the research doctorate.

Doctoral students may carry out, as an integral part of their training project and with the prior authorization issued by the Program Board, tutoring activities for students in laurea and laurea magistrale courses. This teaching activity shall pertain to the Doctorate scope and may be carried out by:

a) performing complementary or ancillary teaching tasks, in all cases within a maximum limit of forty hours in each academic year up to the third year of the Doctorate program;

b) collaborating with the students in the research relating to final tests and graduation thesis.

However, the above teaching activity shall not prejudice the training to research. The above teaching activity shall be optional, shall not entail any expense for the University and may be assigned to the Doctoral Student only with his/her consent.

ARTICLE 14 - APPLICABLE REGULATION

For anything not expressly provided for herein, reference is made to the "Regolamento dei Corsi per il conseguimento del Dottorato di Ricerca dell'Università degli Studi di Parma" [Regulation of the University of Parma concerning the Programs for Research Doctorate degrees].

ARTICLE 15 – PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEEDING

Pursuant to Italian Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended and integrated, the person in charge of the proceeding dealt with herein shall be Ms. Sonia Rizzoli – Head of the Postgraduate Training Sector] - P.le S. Francesco, 3 - 43121 Parma, Italy, phone +390521-034214 fax +390521/347070 and e-mail dottorati@unipr.it.

The provisions set down herein and intended to ensure transparency in all phases of the proceeding, the criteria and procedures for the appointment of examination boards and persons in charge of the proceeding implement Italian Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended.
ARTICLE 16 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to Article 13 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, the personal data provided by the candidates taking part in the selection for admission to the research doctorate programs, shall be collected at the University of Parma, which has its registered office at Via Università, 12 - 43121 Parma, Italy.

The above personal data shall be processed exclusively for the purposes provided for herein. Providing personal data is obligatory in order to assess the requirements for participation in the selection, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedures.

The personal data provided by the candidates may be communicated by the University to the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research for its institutional purposes. Candidates shall have the rights set down in Article 7 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, specifically the right to access their personal data and the right to have their data updated or erased if mistaken, incomplete or collected unlawfully, as well as the right to object, on legitimate grounds, to their treatment. The above rights may be enforced against the University of Parma, with registered office at via Università, 12 43121 Parma, Italy, the data Controller.

ARTICLE 17 – OTHER INFORMATION

This announcement of a competitive examination, written in Italian and in English, is published on the website of the University of Parma, http://www.unipr.it; the relating notice is available on the website of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and on the EU Euraxess website.

Additional information and regulation details may be asked to the Postgraduate Training – Ph.D Office, P.le San Francesco, 3 - 43121 Parma, Italy Phone: +390521/034214 dottorati@unipr.it.

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